



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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April 2017 Newsletter

Upcoming Meeting:

May 12: Fred Prohl, KC9BIS, from the Indiana Historical Radio Society will give a presentation on the radios (not just amateur radios) from the 20's and 30's.

June 9: Annual Auction

Highlights from the April Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 by Club President, David Spoelstra, N9KT. There were around 40 in attendance.

Jim Rinehart, K9RU, showed some pictures of video and AM gear of a former (1960's) ham. Jim also talked about the auction this year. This year, sellers will be able to set reserves for nicer items. Anyone that has nicer items for the auction is asked to email pictures and description to k9ru@arrl.net so the information can be posted to the club's website. Jim also reminded those in attendance that the Indiana QSO Party is coming up May 6, running from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm, local time. Jim asked that folks send log with Indpls Radio Club as your club. Jim also volunteered to compile paper logs if folks don't have too many entries. Logs can be sent to the same email address.

David, N9KT, reminded folks of the Dayton (Xenia) Hamvention bus trip on May 20. The cost is the same as last year, \$30 per person. This only covers the cost of the bus trip.

Contact Rhonda Curtis, WS9H, for bus tickets.

Jace Thompson, KD9BIG, talked about Field Day, coming up June 24 and 25.

Mike Palmer, N9FEB, talked about the Mini-Marathon coming up on May 6. He still needs 10 more volunteers. Contact Mike at n9feb@comcast.net if you are interested in helping out. Mike said he has enough volunteers for the 500 Festival Parade. Mike said there are 5 or 6 more events coming up later that will need radio volunteers.

K9RU also said that he and Jace have been working on the Ivy Tech/Indianapolis Radio Club station. They are still working on some remote issues. Contact Jim or Jace if you are interested in operating the station.

David recognized 3 new members that were present. There was one new ham present: Peggy Webb, W9PLW.

Next, David introduced the featured speaker for the evening, Brent Walls, N9BA, Indiana Section Manager.

Brent talked about the ARRL Official Observer Program. The program has been around for over 80 years in one way or another. It is also known as the amateur auxiliary. There are over 700 volunteer Official Observers nationwide. OOs have no enforcement power. They are in place to help amateurs be better operators, to try to help in the understanding of FCC rules and compliance, and supporting the self regulation of amateurs. OOs enhance the opportunity for amateurs to contribute to the community. Also OOs help the FCC to better utilize their limited resources. Official Observers are ARRL appointments through Field Organization. They are the eyes and ears of the FCC. OOs help identify potential problems, and send out advisory notices for potential problems. They also send out good operator reports and help coordinate Local Interference Committees as needed. OOs are not “radio police”. They have no enforcement powers, they are only advisors to the FCC. There is an ARRL training program for OOs, as well as an ARRL Handbook for Radio Communications. Official Observers must take an exam to be certified by the ARRL. Brent said there are changes coming to the OO program. A new MOU is being formed between ARRL and FCC that is being brought about by staff reductions at the

FCC. The new program is supposed to streamline information exchange between the ARRL and FCC. Currently in IN there are 11 OOs appointed. There is currently no published listing of OOs in IN. In order to be an OO, an amateur needs to be licensed for at least 4 years, and hold at least a Technician licensee. The ARRL doesn't have a "code of conduct" per se. Brent encouraged those present to "mentor" folks that may be not using proper procedures, etc.

After David thanked Brent for his informative talk, Jay, W9TC, talked about Field Day operation. Jay said that last year we had to import operators from other clubs. Tom Price, WB9UNG, announced that he is going to be moving soon, and has several oscilloscopes, and is willing to give them to anyone that will give them a good home. K9RU reminded those in attendance that Radar has information on the web site about gear that the club is selling. Radar reminded folks to send text files for import to the web site. David reminded those in attendance to remember the club in their final arrangements.

Next month's meeting is on Antique Radios. One final reminder that the W9IMS Special Event stations start up next month. Contact David if interested in operating.

Ham Radio News:

INDIANA QSO PARTY COMING UP!

The Indiana QSO Party this year is on Saturday, May 6, starting at 11:00 am Indianapolis time, and running for 12 hours. Yes, this is the same day as the Mini-Marathon, but you can still do both, with plenty of operating time left after the Mini. When you submit your log, be sure to put the Indianapolis Radio Club down as your club. More information, such as the complete rules and the NEW list of county abbreviations can be found at <http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/rules.html>.

2017 EVENTS NEEDING HAM RADIO SUPPORT

This year, we have:

Sat May 6 Mini Marathon (still needs volunteers)
Sat May 27 500 Festival Parade (Full)
Sat Aug 5 Indy Air Race [NOT the Red Bull]
Sat Sep 9 Multiple Sclerosis 100 Mile Bike Ride
Sat Oct 7 American Diabetes Tour-de-Cure Bike Ride
Sat Oct 7 Indpls Half Marathon in Lawrence
Sat Nov 4 Monumental Marathon

SPECIAL NOTE: Sat Oct 7 there are TWO Events taking place; ADA Bike Ride and the Half Marathon in Lawrence. I am working at planning on doing BOTH simultaneously. If you are signed up for both, I will be assigning you to only ONE of them. Stay tuned.

Please let me know if you are volunteering this year.

I am needing volunteers more than ever and with an aging ham radio volunteer pool, I need to plan on replacements. Get those new hams in on this!

Thanks

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GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE BUS TO HAMVENTION

The Indianapolis Radio Club is once again hosting a bus to the Hamvention. Cost for the round trip is the same as last year, \$30 per person. Tickets are available for purchase at a meeting or can be purchased by mailing your request with a check to the club's treasurer: Rhonda Curtis, 5936 Riva Ridge Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46237.

The pick up times will be an hour earlier than in the past. The first pick up will be at

Southern Plaza Shopping Center, 4200 South East St, Indianapolis at 5:30am, and the second pick up will be at Peddler's Mall, 7803 E Washington St, Indianapolis at 6:00am.

There will be a stop for breakfast on the way over and a dinner stop on the return trip.

Tickets for the Hamvention are available on line now at

<http://hamvention.org/purchase-tickets/>.

UPCOMING INDIANAPOLIS AREA TESTING SESSIONS

Anderson IN 46016-2238

Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club

Date: Apr 19 2017

Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Stephen M. Riley

(765) 425-4627

Email: smriley@hughes.net

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Madison County EOC

200 Delaware St

Anderson IN 46016-2238

Indianapolis IN 46241-1445

Sponsor: Indiana Elmer Network VE Team

Date: Apr 20 2017

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Wayne R. Michael

(317) 340-5039

Email: wrmmichael@hotmail.com

VEC: LAUREL MD

Location: Aviation Institute of Maintenance

7251 West McCarty Street

Indianapolis IN 46241-1445

Greenfield IN 46140-1100

Sponsor: Hancock Cty ARC

Date: Apr 22 2017

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Jill Schaumloeffel
(317) 363-4674
Email: jrschaumloeffel@mail.wvu.edu
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Park Chapel Christian Church
1176 E McKenzie Rd
Greenfield IN 46140-1100

Indianapolis IN 46256-3167
Sponsor: WD9BSA Group
Date: May 13 2017
Time: 9:00 AM (No walk-ins)
Contact: Brian J. Murrey
(317) 985-1899
Email: kb9bvn@gmail.com
VEC: LAUREL MD
Location: Golden-Burke Scout Office
7125 Fall Creek Rd N
Pre-Register
Indianapolis IN 46256-3167

Mooresville IN 46158-1333
Sponsor: Formidable Amt Radio Team
Date: May 16 2017
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Matthew C. Payne
(317) 210-0443
Email: kb9uje@qsl.net
VEC: LAUREL MD
Location: Brown Township Government Ctr
471 N Samuel Moore Pkwy
Mooresville IN 46158-1333

Anderson IN 46016-2238
Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club
Date: May 17 2017

Time: 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Stephen M. Riley
(765) 425-4627
Email: smriley@hughes.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Madison County EOC
200 Delaware St
Anderson IN 46016-2238

Franklin IN 46131-9025
Sponsor: Mid State ARC
Date: May 20 2017
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Kevin J. Nuetzman
(317) 523-9909
Email: kevinnuetzman@gmail.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: REMC Building
750 International Drive
Franklin IN 46131-9025

FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at kj9b@arrl.net

Signals from the Past:

From the April, 1978 *Amachewer*:

BIG TEETH The FCC can now go after both licensed and unlicensed culprits after having been given new legislation recently signed by President Carter. They can fine up to \$2000 now and go after anybody under their jurisdiction. An example of lawbreakers are Police Radars, not only are they not licensed to emit radiation but, being commercial equipment, their users do not hold a valid FCC ticket, either. Two strikes...

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- Saturday, April 22: Peru, IN North Central Indiana Hamfest Go to <http://nci-hamfest.net/> for more information
- May 19 - 21: Hamvention. Now in Xenia, OH. Go to <http://hamvention.org/> for more info.
- May 20, 2017: Indianapolis Radio Club bus trip to Hamvention
- July 7 & 8, 2017: Indianapolis Hamfest. Go to <http://indyhamfest.com/> for more information.

2017 Officers:

- President: David Spoelstra, N9KT – davids@mediamachine.com
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